



# News· Development Evaluation

Highlights of the latest evaluations of development programmes from around the world and news for the evaluation community from the DAC Evaluation Network.



UN Photo/Eskinder Debebe  
A Cameroonian woman in the town of Mbalmayo.  
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## MAINSTREAMING

The report **Mainstreaming gender equality: a road to results or a road to nowhere?** reviews evidence on gender mainstreaming in development agencies. The report, produced by the African Development Bank, shows that some progress has been made, but overall, mainstreaming has not resulted in significant results for women. The underlying reasons for failure are often related to competing leadership priorities, such as the MDGs, aid effectiveness and governance agendas, which have crowded out mainstreaming. These and other key findings are summarised in the Evaluation Network's latest Evaluation Insights:

**Evaluation Insights #3 Gender Mainstreaming**

## LATEST EVALUATIONS ON GENDER EQUALITY AND WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT



### **Evaluation of the "Women in Africa" Regional Support Initiative**

Published by Danish International Development Agency (Danida)

This evaluation gives recommendations on how best to address challenges around regional support to gender equality, including suggestions on strategic focus and grant portfolio composition, based on a review of the Danish government's five-step plan to promote women's empowerment and gender equality in Africa, launched in 2006.

## MORE RESOURCES

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[www.oecd.org/dac/evaluation](http://www.oecd.org/dac/evaluation)

Learn more about **aid statistics** in support of gender equality and women's empowerment [here](#)

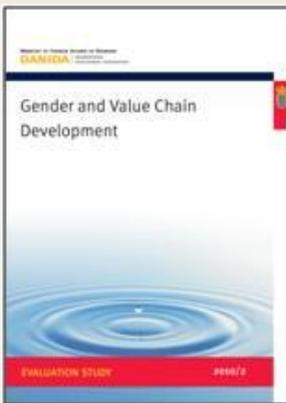
The Asian Development Bank discusses the results of its 2011 evaluation report "Support for Gender and Development". [Watch the video](#)



### **Gender equality in and through education**

Published by the Swedish Agency for Development Evaluation (SADEV)

Access to schooling is a critical issue that still requires attention; however, a wider approach is necessary. Education is not only about knowledge acquisition. To improve girls' access to and retention in secondary and higher education, programmes need to address socialisation processes and the transmission of norms and values, such as the notion of gender equality..



### **Gender and Value Chain Development**

Published by Danish International Development Agency (Danida)

Ensuring that gender issues are taken into consideration in value chain-related interventions is vital for facilitating the development of inclusive value chains that benefit both women and men. One of the important lessons of the evaluation is that value chain interventions should always be accompanied by a gendered, not only a general, value chain analysis.



### **Indonesia Partnership for Maternal & Neonatal Health**

Published by AusAID

This evaluation looks at a programme providing technical assistance and funds to provincial and district governments to help supporting progress towards the Millennium Development Goal targets for maternal and child health. The review found evidence of some immediate outcomes in terms of changes in skills, knowledge and practices.

AusAid's Office of Development Effectiveness interviews Gillian Brown, AusAid Gender Advisor, and Andrew Mason, World Bank, on important messages for policy-makers for gender equality. [Listen here](#)

**Guidance sheet:** Gender and Evaluation. View it [here](#)

Learn about the **DAC Network on Gender Equality** [here](#)

## **COMING SOON**

**Browse member evaluation plans database** to see what evaluations are coming up on gender equality and women's empowerment ...

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